THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reports received from the Customs authorities at Kandla, Bombay, Goa, Cochin, Madras, Vishakhapatnam and Calcutta indicate that contraband goods worth Rs. 24 lakhs approximately were seized in 51 cases (the figures are provisional) during the calendar year 1987, from such vessels. In some cases the crew members involved have also been identified.

Apart from confiscation of the contraband goods, the crew members involved are penalised in departmental adjudica-tions and their names forwarded to the Shipping Corporation of India for disciplinary action. In suitable cases the persons involved are also arrested and prosecuted in a Court of law.

Malpractices in the General Insurance Industry

3584. SHRl PARVATHANENI UPEN-DRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Vigilance Com-mission has detected certain malpractices in the General Insurance Industry in regard to fraudulently back-dating post-accident insurance; and

(b) if so. what action has been taken by Government to curb such malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) A few cases of suspected anti-dating of insurance covers were brought out in the annual report of the Central Vigilance Commission for the year 1986. Apart from initiating follow-up action in respect of these cases, the general insurance industry has also tightened up the prescribed procedures, so as to curb such malpractices, in consultation with the Central Vigilance Commission. These procedures have come into effect from 1st November, 1987.

Filing of income-tax returns by a Trust in Bombay

3585. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vithaldas Madhavji Khakhar and Tapulal Chakubha Bhammer Trust, Bombay has been dis solved and if so, whether the letter of dissolution has been submitted to the Central Government;

(b) whether the above Trust is filing their tegular income-tax returns and if not, the reasons therefor and action taken against the trustees of the above Trust; and

(c) what are the names of the trut~. and beneficiaries of the above Trust and what are the details of income-tax returns filed during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Trust is carrying on warehousing business under the name of M/s. Western Tndia Warehousing Corporation.

(b) The trust is filing is returns of income regularly

(c) (i) The Trust Deed shows the fol-lowing four trustees at the inception of the Trust:

(1) Shri V. M. Khakhar
(2) Shri Tapulal Bhammer
(3) Shri B. M. Kher
(4) Shri Kishore Khakhar

(ii) Afte,- the death of the sole surviv- . ing Trustee Shri Kishore Khakhar, the present trustees are;

(!) Kumari Usha Mehta
(2) Shri Mahendrabhai Thakkar

(Hi) Names of the beneficiaries appearing in the Income Tax returns for assessment year 1987-88 are:

(1) Shri V M. Khakhar (HUF)
(2) Shefali K. Dhakhar

(3) Muktaben H. Thakkar up:o 15-5-1986

(4) Harjivandas H. Thakkar upto 15-5-1986

(5) Manilal & Thakkar

(6) Lilavati M Thakkar

(7) Bharti D. Thakkar

(8) Bajni K N. Sharma

(9) Nilam K. N. Sharma

(10) Ashok K. N. Sharma

(11) Amita K. Khakhar

(12) Arti M Bhammer
(13) Sandeep M. Bhammer

(14) Bharti M. Gokani

(15) Chhaya B. Khakhar

(16) Kishore Khakhar

(17) Sonali K Khakhar (16-5-1986 to 31-3-1987)

(iv) Details of Income Tax returns filed by M/s. Western Warehousing Corporation are as under:—

Assessment Year
1987-88 Loss(—) Rs 93,389/-
Assessment Year
1986-87 Income of Rs. 4.53.530/-

Filing of income tax returns by M/s.I'rabhadcvi Properties and Trading Co.Pvt. L:d. Bombay

3556. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Prabhadevi Properties and Trading Company Private Limited, Bombay has purchased some properties in Bombay;

(b) if so. what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the above company has not been filing regular Income-Tax returns for the last three years with the Income-Tax Department, Bombay; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. Prabhadevi Properties and Trading Company Private Ltd., have purchased the lease-hold rights in a plot of land situated at 400, Veer Savarkar Marg, Mahim, Bombay, measuring 4908 sq, yards together with the right of way over the strip of land measuring 94 sq. yards, from M/s. M. B. Khakhar by an agreement dat«i 30-1-1980 for a total consideration of Rs. 1,74,218.75.

(c) The afore mentioned company has filed its returns of income upto assessment year 1985-86 only.

(d) Proceedings U/s 148 have been inted for the assessment year 1986-87.

Increase in loan to sick industrial units

3587. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that th» amount of loan given by Government to the sick industrial units has been increased to a considerable extent during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the year-wise details oi such amounts;

(c) whether Government have made any study so as to know the reasons for such increase; and

(d) what remedial measures Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the outstandings of bank credit in the sick industrial units as the end of the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 amounted to Rs. 3,638.39 crores, Rs. 4,270.93 crores and Rs. 4,874.49 crores respectively^